REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends Claims 3-5, 7-9, 12, and 13 so that these claims are no longer multiply dependent in order to reduce the official fees. The Applicants may elect to amend Claims 3-5, 7-9, 12, and 13 to make them again multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims at any time during the pendency of the above-identified U.S. application.

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Please amend the Claims as indicated below.

3. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1[or claim 2] wherein the OS selector comprises a boot code stored in a legacy master boot record of the data storage drive.

4. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1[any of the preceding claims] wherein the loading step comprises reading a further legacy master boot record of the GPT partition, loading the legacy boot code into memory and passing control to the legacy boot code.

5. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1[any of the preceding claims] wherein the address mapper is operable to hook commands to access the data storage drive, and, wherein the command comprises an address in the second address set, to map the address to the corresponding address of the first address set.

7. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1[any of the preceding claims] wherein the GPT partition type comprises a partition type which is the image of a legacy hard disk drive and wherein the step of defining the GPT partition as data storage drive comprises the step of setting a BIOS drive identification number corresponding to the GPT partition to 80h.

8. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1[any one of claims 1 to 7] wherein the GPT partition comprises a partition type which is the image of a legacy floppy disk and wherein the step of defining the GPT partition as a data storage drive comprises the step of setting a BIOS drive identification number corresponding to the GPT partition to 0h.

9. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 7[or claim 8] wherein the address mapper is operable to perform the step of defining the GPT partition as a virtual data storage device.

12. (Amended) A data storage drive according to claim 10[or claim 11] wherein the data storage area comprises at least one legacy partition.

13. (Amended) A data storage drive according to <u>claim 10</u>[any one of claims 10 to 12] comprising a hard disk drive.